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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marta Jordan, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street SW., Washington DC 20460. Telephone (202) 260-0817, fax (202) 260-7185 or E-Mail Jordan.Marta@epamail.epa.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA proposed effluent limitations guidelines and pretreatment standards for the Industrial Laundries Category under authority of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*) (62 FR 66182, December 17, 1997). The Industrial Laundries Category includes facilities that launder industrial textile items such as, industrial: garments and uniforms, shop towels, printer towels, mops, mats, and dust control items from off-site as a business activity. The items that are laundered are owned either by the laundry facilities or their customers. Often these facilities wash other items that are not classified as industrial textile items, such as linen supply garments, linen flatwork, health-care items, and miscellaneous other items.

The public hearing will include a brief discussion of the proposed rule which includes scope, technology-based regulatory options, and other general industrial laundries industry issues. The hearing will be recorded or transcribed by a reporter for inclusion in the record for the Industrial Laundries Category rulemaking.

Documents relating to the topics mentioned above and a more detailed agenda will be available at the meeting.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

**Tudor Davies,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period and Public Hearings on the Proposed Rule To List the Topeka Shiner as Endangered

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of public hearings and reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) gives notice that four public hearings will be held on its proposal to list the Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) as an endangered species. The Service proposed endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended, for the Topeka shiner on October 24, 1997 (62 FR 55381). These hearings will allow additional comments on this proposal to be submitted from all interested parties.

**DATES:** The comment period on the proposal is reopened from January 12, 1998 through February 9, 1998. The public hearings will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on each of the following evenings: January 26, 1998, in Manhattan, Kansas; January 27, 1998, in Bethany, Missouri; January 28, 1998, in Ft. Dodge, Iowa; and January 29, 1998, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. An informal open forum will precede each hearing from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each evening.

**ADDRESSES:** The January 26 hearing will be held at the Kansas State University Student Union, Main Ballroom, 17th Street and Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas; the January 27 hearing will be held at the Bethany Community Center, 103 N. 25th Street, Bethany, Missouri; the January 28 hearing will be held at Iowa Central Community College, Vo-Tech Building, Conference Rooms 1 and 2, 330 Avenue M, Fort Dodge, Iowa; and the January 29 hearing will be at the University of Sioux Falls, Chapel Auditorium-Jeschke Fine Arts Center, 1101 West 22nd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Written comments and materials should be sent to: Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 315 Houston St., Suite E, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vernon Tabor at the above address (785/539-3474).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 4(b)(5)(E) of the Act requires that a public hearing be held on the proposal to list the Topeka shiner as an endangered species, if requested within 45 days of the proposal's publication in the **Federal Register**. Public requests were received in the allotted time period from parties in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and South Dakota.

Anyone expecting to make an oral presentation at these hearings is encouraged to provide a written copy of their statement to the hearing officer prior to the start of the hearing. In the event there is a large attendance, the time allotted for oral statements may have to be limited. Oral and written statements receive equal consideration. There are no limits to the length of written comments presented at these hearings or mailed to the Service.

In order to accommodate the scheduled public hearings, the Service extends the public comment period. Written comments may be submitted from January 12, 1998 through February 9, 1998, to: Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES** section).

##### Author

The primary author of this document is Vernon Tabor (see **ADDRESSES** section).

##### Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531).

Dated: December 18, 1997.

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